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Reply to Office action of March 17, 2006

## Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

A rigid brace portion 5 extends from the seat 4 to the rearward end 9 of the body 1 in a substantially helical form having a varying pitch and sufficient length to surround the arm over the top and on at least two sides. Pitch of the helix 5, which is the distance between adjacent turns of the helix measured along a line parallel to its axis 11, decreases, with a concomitant increase in helix angle, as the helix extends rearward to end 9. Although a helix is generally associated with a cylindrical form, i.e., a straight line wrapped around a cylindrical form, the helix of this device, in the preferred embodiment, circumscribes a generally conical form in which the radius of curvature "r" of the brace portion 5 diminishes form the rearward end 9 to the seat portion 4. In this manner, the brace portion 5 defines an open area in the general shape of a cone having a longitudinal axis 11. The conical open area conforms generally to the shape of the human forearm. The brace portion 5 terminates in a straight downward §15 at the rearward end 9. The short straight §15 provides an opening to allow the convenient insertion of the arm during use of the handle support, without threading the arm and hand from the rear of the handle support, and without requiring the use of the other hand for adjustment of a cuff strap, or for support of the handle device during the insertion of the arm.